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### **LOCAL CANDIDATES ISSUED CIVIL PENALTIES AT ENFORCEMENT HEARING**

**Olympia** – Secretary of the Public Disclosure Commission, Francis Martin, found three candidates from Northwest Washington in violation of state Public Disclosure laws during brief enforcement hearings held Thursday in Olympia.

Candidates are required under state statute to file a Candidate Registration and a Personal Financial Affairs Statement with the Public Disclosure Commission within two weeks of becoming a candidate.

The candidates who were issued a civil penalty had previously been sent a warning letter asking them to comply with the reporting requirements. A letter reminding each candidate of his or her obligation to file was sent on August 17, 2004 and letter with an opportunity to pay a civil penalty and forego an enforcement hearing was sent on August 27, 2004.

Candidates from Northwest Washington who were assessed a penalty at the brief enforcement hearing were:

**David Pros**, candidate for Charter Review Commission in Whatcom County, was found in violation for failure to file both the C-1 and F-1 reports and assessed a civil penalty of \$200 with \$100 suspended if he files timely reports for the duration of the campaign.

**Jeffrey Utter**, candidate for Charter Review Commission in Whatcom County, was found in violation for failure to file both the C-1 and F-1 reports and assessed a civil penalty of \$200.

**Thomas Bronkema**, candidate for the State House of Representatives in the 10<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, was found in violation for failure to file both the C-1 and F-1 reports and assessed a civil penalty of \$300.

Officials found in violation at the hearing will have an opportunity to ask the full, five-member Commission to review the action taken by the presiding officer.

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